

Local Brevities.

The season for blackberry festivals has arrived.

For several weeks past the Dodge House has been full to overflowing.

It is settled now that "Harry," at Webster's, is the vegetable man.

A list of lands to be sold for taxes will appear in the TIMES next week.

Just now there is a good demand for labor.

The cattle yards are crowded nearly all the time.

John Stronk arrived from an extended freighting trip this week.

Mr. Budicke, one of our oldest stock men, went to Hays on business this week.

Buggies and spring wagons, new and second hand, at M. Collier's.

A lightning rod fiend is said to be invading this vicinity.

Don't forget that A. B. Webster receives fresh vegetables every morning.

Mr. Martin Maley, of the Bluff Creek Ranch is in the city.

Since the recent rains Mr. Newton's farm has increased in value fifty cents on the acre.

There will be divine service in the Union Church next Sunday, morning and evening, as usual.

No more shows or Grand English Opera Companies can use the court house. So say the Commissioners.

Mr. Wm. Wilson, the new baker, is doing a good business and giving entire satisfaction.

Our school house and grounds is an object of admiration to strangers visiting the city.

Mr. Harris, of Washington, D. C., has opened a jewelry department in Rath & Co's store.

Come early for vegetables. Fresh berries received every morning at Webster's.

All summer goods for ladies and gents must be sold, no matter what price they will bring. Remember the goods will be sold regardless of cost, at M. Collier's.

Garris and Tillghman's Crystal Palace is receiving a new front and an awning, which will tend to create a new attraction towards the never ceasing fountains of refreshments flowing within.

The Second U. S. Infantry, from Georgia, went west over the Kansas Pacific on Monday bound for the scene of the recent Indian hostilities out in Idaho.

Mr. Jas. Langton made a purchase this week of 300 fine yearlings, at \$8 per head, and intends holding on the ranges near this city. The probability is that he will more than double his money every year, and we hope his proudest expectations will be realized.

Don't forget Webster's for groceries. Try him before you go any place else.

An enterprising firm have just established themselves in the room east of Hadder & Draper's store. One branch of the business is roulette and another a photograph lottery. We believe they are prospering, and their "many patrons" always go away smiling blandly—thinking "what might have been."

The palatial residence of Mr. J. P. Gunn, about two miles northwest of the city, was entered during his absence by means of a window, and the harder completely gutted, figuratively speaking. Emphatically speaking, Mr. Gunn says he would be pleased to treat his visitors in the same manner.

In Leavenworth, on the 18th inst., Abenethy & Bro's three story brick ware house and carpet sales rooms were nearly destroyed by fire. It originated in the third floor and burned down to the second floor. Everything was badly damaged by both fire and water. The value of the stock was about \$50,000. The damage will be about \$30,000. There was \$27,500 insurance on the stock. The building was owned by ex-Senator Caldwell, and was damaged in the sum of about seven thousand dollars.

PERSONAL.

Miss Rath, a sister of our leading merchant, is visiting in the city.

The people of Dodge City, with one accord, were glad to see Hon. R. M. Wright at home again, after several months absence in Texas. He arrived last Thursday evening.

T. J. Matthews, with H. W. Gillett & Co., Leavenworth, Wholesale Liquor Dealers, was in the city several days this week, and seems to be well pleased with Dodge.

Col. Lewis returned from Ogalala this week, having delivered all his cattle contracted at that point. He describes Ogalala as being a much smaller town than we supposed it was, having but one hotel, two saloons and two small grocery stores. The gamblers who went there are not reaping a rich harvest. Col. Lewis will start for his home in Texas in a few days.

Notice.

It was ordered by the Board that the Clerk instruct the Sheriff to prevent the court house from being used for shows, theaters, and all purposes not contemplated by law. JOHN B. MEANS, County Clerk.

Dodge City, July 18, 1877.

Teachers' Examination.

Candidates for certificates to teach in the public schools of Ford county, Kansas, will be examined at my office in Dodge City, Kansas, on the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th days of August, 1877.

T. L. MCCARTY, Supt. Public Instruction.

CITY COUNCIL.

Special meeting of the Council of the city of Dodge City, held Saturday, July 21st, 1877, pursuant to the following call:

To James H. Kelley, Mayor of the City of Dodge City:

We, the undersigned Councilmen of the City of Dodge City, hereby request the Honorable James H. Kelly, Mayor, to call a meeting of the Council at 11 o'clock a. m., upon July 21st, 1877, for the purpose of investigating and determining upon the conduct and actions of certain city officers.

[Signed.]

JOHN NEWTON,
D. D. COLLEY,
F. J. LEONARD.

Present, J. H. Kelley, Mayor.
" D. D. Colley, Councilman.
" Jno. Newton, "
" C. M. Beeson, "
" F. J. Leonard, "

Absent, Geo. B. Cox.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Upon complaint of James H. Kelley that L. E. Deger had been guilty of misconduct in office, the Council proceeded to consider the matter, and having heard all evidence introduced, upon motion of John Newton it was ordered that L. E. Deger be acquitted of any charges against him, and that he be instructed to resume the duties of City Marshal.

On motion of John Newton the City Clerk was instructed to notify L. E. Deger of the action of the Council.

On motion of F. J. Leonard the Council adjourned.

E. F. COLBORN,
City Clerk.

Approved July 21, 1877.

J. H. KELLEY, Mayor.

The following closing stanza of a poem was written for the ceremonies of decorating the graves of the Confederates buried in Vicksburg, Miss. The poem was written by Miss Hunt, the "Maggie" of several Southern journals. The sentiment and language are beautiful and appropriate:

"Our's is the fate of the vanquished.
Whose heart-aches never cease;
Ours the tears,
Regrets and fears,
Their's the eternal peace.
Anger they dropped forever,
With the passing burden of breath;
And the Blue and the Gray
Are alike to-day,
In the colorless land of death;
And the living who wore the blue
May bring to the sleepers flowers,
For the Blue and the Gray
Are friends to-day,
In a happier land than our's."

The Mayor and City Marshal Both Before His Honor.

It is seldom we are compelled to give the particulars of an affair in which the public manifest a deeper interest than the difficulty which terminated yesterday morning in an open rupture between Mayor Kelley and City Marshal L. E. Deger. There may be some personal matters which had something to do with bringing about the result, but of these we will not make mention, briefly stating what happened at the time of the difficulty:

Yesterday morning about 2 o'clock the Marshal arrested and confined Mr. Chas. Roman in the city jail. Immediately after the arrest Mayor Kelley ordered the Marshal to release the prisoner, and the Marshal positively refused to do so. Finding his orders not obeyed, the Mayor ordered the Marshal to cease performing the duties of City Marshal, deliver his badge to one of the other officers and consider himself suspended. The Marshal refused to recognize the order of the Mayor and continued to act as Marshal, whereupon the Mayor ordered the Assistant Marshal and policeman to arrest him. The Marshal at first refused to be arrested, and drawing his revolver ordered the Mayor and officers not to approach him. Here the Assistant Marshal and policeman were placed in a doubtful position, not knowing their exact duty in the matter. In order to settle the difficulty in the easiest manner, Mr. Masterson, the Assistant Marshal, suggested to the Marshal that he submit to arrest in order to prevent further collision, until the disagreement between himself and the Mayor could be investigated. This the Marshal consented to and allowed himself to be confined in the city jail, where he remained only about ten minutes, being released on his own recognizance.

During the forenoon a complaint was filed against Mayor Kelley for interfering with an officer in the discharge of his duty and he was also placed under arrest. The Marshal's case was tried first. No complaint was filed against him, and the officers who made the arrest were the only witnesses. The decision of the Police Judge was that the Marshal had committed no offense against any of the city ordinances. He was therefore released. The Mayor's case was postponed until this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Before that hour a meeting of the City Council was held, and an order passed directing Mr. L. E. Deger to resume his duties as City Marshal. When the trial came up for hearing a petition was presented, signed by a majority of the Council, favoring the entry of a nolle prosequi in the case, and all parties consenting it was so entered and the Mayor discharged. The municipal machinery is now running smoothly.

Several Sevens.

A correspondent of a Philadelphia paper has called attention to the fact that Saturday week was the seventh day of the week, the seventh day of the month, and in the seventh month of the year, the seventh year of the current decade, the seventh year of the present century. It was the day of all days for the seventh daughter to have a seventh daughter, and it will be found hereafter that nine out of ten of all the fortune tellers of the next generation were born July 7th, 1877.

Next National House.

Clerk Adams has completed the list of members that he will call to organize the House of Representatives at 11 a. m., October 1st. The Democrats, according to the list, will have eight majority. There are twelve contested cases reported and affidavits filed.

We learn through a private channel of information, but from a perfectly reliable source, that a large contract will soon be let for the delivery of the stone—which should business increase as expected—insures the erection of a large substantial business block, with a handsome hall overhead.—Ellis County Star.

On last Thursday the Orangemen attempted to march in parade at Montreal, Canada. They were assaulted by the Irish Catholics and a man by the name of Hackett was killed.

The dog days are nearing.

LEAVES FROM THE DOCKET.

A Week of Historical Incidents in the Dodge City Police Court.

We are loth to believe that Dodge City is retrograding in its morals, or that its people are becoming more wicked and lawless, although it might seem so to those not understanding the causes leading to some of the difficulties which stained the records of our police court this week.

The curtain rises and two women are seen struggling in deadly combat. This unpleasantness was brought about by one of the evils constantly arising in the path of every true lover of cleanliness. Human nature seems to naturally resent the payment of a wash bill, and when the clothes are poorly washed and not starched in a shining manner, the resentment is aggravated to that pitch where fights are a natural consequence. The fight had fairly begun, and was progressing harmoniously, the air being filled with flying tufts of hair and the spectators all desiring to see fair play, when officer Masterson arrived and broke up the entertainment. These facts being stated to the Police Judge in open court, and the attorneys having had their say, Mr. Gryden arguing that wash bills should never be brought to the "bar" for collection—a fine of \$3.00 and costs was assessed against both combatants.

The City of Dodge City against Robert Gilmore, charged with vagrancy and having no visible means of support. Robert's sensitive feelings were very greatly hurt upon hearing that charge, and his plea was not guilty. He said he knew he was a sinful man and pursued a calling which was not of the highest order. All he asked of this court was a chance for his life. He asked the mercy of the Police Judge unto him as a sinner, stating as a precedent that Christ died to save just such sinners. The witnesses for the city testified that they knew of no visible means whereby he gained a support. Also that he was the instigator of many quarrels and street fights—that he was not a law-abiding, peaceable citizen. In defense, several witnesses were sworn who testified that the prisoner had money to pay his bills, and that he had means of support. On this evidence the Judge was compelled to render a decision of not guilty. But public sentiment was so strongly antagonistic to Mr. Gilmore's remaining in the city, and he had cost the officers so much annoyance, that Robert consented to seek a livelihood elsewhere, if a donation could be secured to pay his fare to Emporia. Through the efforts of the City Marshal the money was soon raised, and Mr. Gilmore gathered about him his earthly treasures and departed. This is the second time Bobby has shook the dust of the city from his feet by request, and we hope some day to see him conducting himself in a more exemplary manner than he has heretofore. He is not a desperate character, and has good sound sense, which only needs a proper application to business.

Miss Frankie Bell, who wears the belt for superiority in point of muscular ability, heaped epithets upon the unoffending head of Mr. Earp to such an extent as to provoke a slap from the ex-officer, besides creating a disturbance of the quiet and dignity of the city, for which she received a night's lodging in the dog house and a reception at the police court next morning, the expense of which was about \$20.00. Wyatt Earp was assessed the lowest limit of the law, one dollar.

Mr. Wolf was assessed a small fine for an almost justifiable misdemeanor, and Mr. Roman was assessed a few dollars also.

The last look we took in the direction of police headquarters Marshal Masterson was steering a new prisoner toward the justice seat, charged with carrying a deadly weapon concealed about his person.

A great many land seekers are coming in.

Mr. H. P. Neiss will soon be able to resume work.

The new photograph tent is up and the proprietors are taking good pictures.

When a Wichita man owns nine dogs they call him a General.